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NEW MUSICAL ORGANIZATION

Covina Choral Society Starts With a Membership of Fifty.

On Monday evening a well-attended meeting was held in the Presbyterian church, at which strenuous steps were taken to fill a long felt want of the community. Covina has long been noted for the number of professional and amateur musicians whom she counts among her residents. It remained for Mr. H. N. Wells, the gifted director of the Presbyterian church choir to band them together into a strong organization for the study of oratorio and other high-class music, not as a puny infant, to dwindle away before development, but as a sturdy class, commencing with over fifty members.

In Mr. Wells we have a director energetic and zealous, and also, which is very necessary, a strict disciplinarian. Punctuality is to be firmly maintained. The personnel, which indicated the future success of the undertaking, is as follows: President, G. W. Aschenbrenner; vice-president, S. J. Walton; secretary-treasurer, D. Eyman Huff; musical director, H. N. Wells; organist, Alec W. Anderson; assist. musical director, E. A. Sprotte; librarian, Miss Maud Doughty; directors, G. W. Aschenbrenner, S. J. Walton, D. Eyman Huff, H. N. Wells, Alec. W. Anderson, Mrs. D. E. Huff, A. McAllen. Music committee, H. N. Wells, E. A. Sprotte, Alec. W. Anderson. Membership committee, H. N. Wells, Mrs. A. McAllen, E. A. Sprotte.

The constitution and by-laws were drawn up and approved at this meeting. There will be a membership fee of 50 cents and the monthly dues will be 25 cents. The next meeting will be held next Monday, January 18, at 7:45 p. m., in the Presbyterian church. All who received invitation cards are urged to attend.

The first selection of music to be studied will be Mendelsohn's Forty-second Psalm, "As the heart panteth."

I. O. O. F. LODGE 362 INSTALLATION

An installation ceremony was held on Wednesday evening in the lodge room, Covina. There was a large attendance of members and the following officers were installed: A. P. G., Ira Bell; N. G., R. W. Kellenberger; V. G., R. M. Bowman; Rec. Sec., G. W. Coolman; Fin. Sec., G. H. White; Treas., C. H. Kistler; Warden, S. L. Spencer; Conductor; C. W. Potter, O. G. Nels, Mortenson, I. G., Chester Chapman; R. S. N. G., Otis Keeling; L. S. N. G., Geo. Wren; R. S. V. G., L. H. Souther; L. S. V. G., F. Hartman. The grand officers who officiated at the installation were: D. D. G. M., Otto Anderson; G. M., Geo. W. Coolman; G. W., J. O. Houser; G. S., J. K. Strosnider; G. T., W. Armel; G. C., J. F. Ohaver; G. Sen., C. E. Blanchard. This committee has installed the officers of eight different lodges in this valley. Later in the evening the lodge was surprised by the Rebecca's, who arrived laden with good things and a social time, followed by an oyster supper, the whole concluding with games.

Announcement.

The Glendora Woman's Club desires to announce that it has secured the noted Baumgardt lectures for four evenings in Glendora. The first will be given in the Glendora Opera House, Friday evening, January 29th. The subject will be "Norway, the Land of the Midnight Sun." The lectures will be illustrated with most excellent stereopticon views in colors. Mr. Baumgardt is a fascinating speaker and education and entertainment characterize an evening with this delightful traveler. The valley is fortunate in having such notable lectures [illegible]. Tickets on sale at Glendora [illegible]. Single tickets [illegible]

BAPTIST CHURCH ORDINATION SERVICE

On Friday last Mr. H. E. Clark was ordained to the ministry at a service held in the Baptist church. Besides the members of the Covina church there were present the following delegates from other churches: Alhambra, Mr. Pavy; Azusa, Messrs. Lee and Nelson; Compton, W. H. Creig; San Pedro, D. S. McGloshan; El Monte, G. Lowe; Bethel Los Angeles, Branch and Craft; Calvery Los Angeles, J. O. Burrows; East Los Angeles, York and Cressy; Memorial, Los Angeles, C. C. Pierce; Temple, Los Angeles, Graves and Brown; Monrovia, Parson and Bedears; Santa Monica, S. W. White. The Covina church was repersented by Rev. H. M. Perry, W. Q. Custer, Mrs. M. K. Harris and Mrs. J. Mitchell. The pastor, S. W. Gage, presided. The minutes of the church meeting authorizing the clerk to call the council was read by Mrs. M. K. Harris, the church clerk.

The service was opened with prayer by Dr. Graves of the Temple Baptist church, Los Angeles.

Rev. S. W. Gage thanked the assembled brethren for attending the council and then presented the candidate, Mr. H. E. Clark.

The candidate was then examined upon three points, viz.; first, his Christian experience; second, his call to the ministry; third, his views on Christian doctrine. After due consideration in private session, the council announced that it was their unanimous opinion that Mr. Clark has given a full and satisfactory statement on the points on which he had been examined.

In the evening session Dr. Graves of the Temple church, Los Angeles, gave the charge, and the ordination service was brought to a close.

MRS. SIBBERT DELIGHTS.

A specially beautiful and impressive service was held last Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church. The pastor, the Rev. Paul Stevens, took as the subject of his sermon, "The Type and what it typifies," after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was dispensed and six new members were admitted into fellowship. Special music was given under the able direction of Mr. H. N. Wells, including "Christian, the morn breaks sweetly o'er thee," by H. R. Shelley, and "My heavenly home," which were rendered by a quartet composed of Mrs. Stevens, Miss Blanchard, Mr. Blanchard and Mr. Wells, and a vocal solo, "I Will Extol Thee, O Lord," by Costa. The latter was exquisitely rendered by Mrs. B. J. Sibbert of Denison, Iowa, sister of Mrs. Wells. Mrs. Sibbert has a voice of great sweetness, wide range and sympathetic expression and her talent has been well developed by careful training.

MUSIC AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TOMORROW

The music at the Presbyterian church tomorrow morning will be augmented by the magnificent soprano voice of Miss Bess Matilda Welch, who will be heard with Mr. Wells in a duett, "Hark, hark my Soul," Shelly. In Los Angeles, her home city, Miss Welch is recognized as an intelligent, reliable artiste of the first rank. Gifted and versatile, she sings with burning intensity and artful expression. Her achievements are not merely the conquest of voice, but the thralldom of art worked out in years of patient and intelligent study.

Two numbers will also be sang by the quartette during the morning service.

MANY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ARE BURNED.

Postmaster J. L. Matthews has given out a statement this week that a number of Christmas parcels mailed from the Covina office on December 17 were burned in a wreck which occurred at Hanna, Wyo., on December 19, when over two hundred sacks of Christmas packages were totally destroyed. This accounts for the non-arrival of many presents, [illegible] expectant recipients.

THE GREAT TREAT COMING

Riis' Famous Lecture, "The Battle With the Slums."

The enterprise of our citizens, and the high class of people who have settled in our beautiful valley could not be better shown than in the fact that Covina is to have a series of entertainment and lectures including such talent as Jacob A. Riis, Gov. Folk, Alton Packard the Cartoonist, and the Philharmonic Quintette.

Jacob A. Riis is to open this course with his lectures "The Battle with the Slums" illustrated with stereopticon views, next Saturday evening, January 23, at the Womans Club House. The American public has always given Jacob Riis a hearing because he is a man after its own heart—a man who has done something. When he commenced his work in New York twenty-five years ago there was scarcely a small park in all the great city of New York; there were not schools enough for half the children, and there were tenement houses in which 4,000 people were crowded in one block. That many of these tenements were torn down, and the space given to small parks,—that better schools were provided, and that model tenements changed the home life of the children is due to the fact that J. A. Riis, a man who thirty years ago wandered around penniless looking for work, put in later a life of energy and common sense in righting the things he had seen wrong then.

The season tickets for this splendid course have been set at $2.00 each, and may be secured at Nash's Drug Store. The holders of season tickets will have the first privilege in securing reservations of seats for the different events, 10 cents being the fee for reservation. Those holding season tickets should apply before Tuesday evening for reservations for the Riis lecture. After that those procuring single admission will also be allowed to reserve for the same fee.

Let us rally to the support of this enterprise, which places Covina in the front rank of culture and progress.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Covina National Bank was held on Tuesday at the bank building, Covina. A large proportion of the stockholders being present. The reports submitted were of very gratifying nature, the increase in deposits showing 30 per cent. advance over 1907. The newly elected board consists of J. B. Coulson, president; J. D. Reed, vice-president; J. H. Coolman, Jacob Maurer, Samuel Fesler, G. H. White, R. C. Pollard, V. O. English, J. L. Matthews, directors.

CITY COUNCIL.

A regular meeting of the trustees of the city of Covina was held on Tuesday evening. All trustees were present with the exception of E. H. Labee, president. C. W. Potter was asked to the chair in the absence of the president. The business before the board was purely of a routine character. The following bills were passed and ordered paid: R. B. Fairly, $5; Kerckhoff Cuzner Lumber Co., $6.10; J. L. Matthews, $5.80; Home Telephone Co., $3.30; M. Redham, $16; M. L. Mehnert, $16; M. L. Mehnert, $33.30; A. M. Pence, $37.45; W. L. Holley, $9.10; Adolf Fries Optical Co., $5.65. Chas. Stanton, $11.25; B. L. Prentiss, $1; Sam Cook, $18.50. The city attorney was instructed to draft an amendment in regard to building permits.

Church of the Brethren Sunday school at 10 a. m. Sermon at 11 a. m. by D. L. Miller. Sermon at 7:30 p. m. Christian Workers meeting 6:45. [illegible]

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Suggestive Questions on the Sunday School Lesson by Rev. Dr. Linscott for the International Newspaper Bible Study Club.

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The Beginning of the Christian Church.—Acts ii:22-47.

Golden Text—They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer.—Acts ii:42.

Verse 22—How is it that Jesus has impressed himself upon the world as no other man has ever done, and that he has swayed the hearts of the lowly and the mighty alike, and that his influence is increasing with the years?

Verses 23-26—God clearly sent Jesus with a love message, which he meant to accept, but which the Jews rejected; and more, for they "with wicked hands crucified and slew" him; now is it not true that God then adopted his secondary plan of bringing about, by the death of Jesus, what he desired to do by his life?

If God did not want the Jews to reject and crucify Jesus, but to accept of him, what would have been the result if they had carried out God's first plan?

Is not the crucifixion of Jesus the colossal crime of history, and is it not the one great example of how God turns evil into good account?

Verse 37—What was it that had brought this sharp sense of guilt upon them?

What are the influences which put men under conviction; that is, reveal themselves to themselves?

If a person were to ask you, what he should do to be saved, what would you answer him?

Verse 38—What is it to repent, in the sense here meant?

Can a person be saved, if he intends to sin again?

If a person is sorry enough to forsake his sins, and turns to God to serve him the best he knows, is that true repentance?

Can a Christian retain the favor of God, if he ever plans to sin again?

Do all, who by the grace of God, forsake their sins, have their past sins forgiven?

Verse 39—Is the gift of the Holy Spirit for all who are saved?

Have you received the gift of the Holy Spirit and if not, why not?

Are all the children of sinners as well as of saints, promised the salvation of Jesus?

Are there any so far off, or so low down, that God does not bid them to receive the Holy Spirit?

How many does God call to accept his salvation?

Verse 40—Are some people saved through persistent exhortation who never would be saved otherwise?

Verse 41—Why are not similar revivals to this, more often witnessed?

What can we do more than we are doing to save our neighbors, and to save the world? (This question must be answered in writing by members of the club.)

Verse 42—Do Christians today fellowship one with another as much, or as often as they should?

Ought Christians to eat together more frequently?

Verse 43—If the terrible consequences of sin were more frequently preached, would sinners still be filled with fear?

Verses 44-45—Was this community of goods of the Lord?

Would having all things in common be a good system to adopt today?

If our brother has nothing, are we under obligation to divide with him?

Verses 46-47—Would sinners still be saved daily in every church, if there were fellowship, joy, and gladness, among Christians?

Lesson for Sunday, Jan. 24th, 1909—The Lame Man Healed. Acts iii:1-26.

A Horrible Hold-Up.

"About ten years ago my brother was "held up" in his work, health and happiness by what was belived to be hopeless Consumption," writes W. R. Lipscomb, of Washington, N. C. "He took all kinds of remedies and treatment from several doctors, but found no help till he used Dr. King's New Discovery and was wholly cured by six bottles. He is a well man to-day." It's quick to relieve and the surest cure for weak or sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs and Colds, Bronchitis, La Grippe, Asthma and all Bronchial affections. 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by C. F. Clapp.

AN EASY VICTORY

The Pomona All-Stars Prove a Harvest Festival for Home Team.

Last Sunday afternoon the fans enjoyed a baseball game on the diamond south of town that in many respects resembled a harvest festival, as the score at the end of nine long innings aggregated 13 to 3, with Covina on the long end. It is needless to say that the locals did the reaping act.

A group of players hailing from Pomona, and bearing the rather doubtful appellation of all-stars, served as goats for the afternoon festivity, and furnished some good practice for the local ball chasers.

Fairly and King comprised the strike-out staff for the home team. Chet wore his serious look at the start, but when four runs were acquired in the first inning, a smile percolated his countenance. Even when the infield tried to lose the ball in some far corner of Lucky Baldwin's ranch, or a luckless outfielder watched the sphere drop with a dull thud at his feet; nobody seemed to care. Just a little tightening up all around and a few classy stunts saved the day. King made the fans sit up and howl with delight by catching Pete Agusyo twice attempting to steal second and third.

Lougheed and Stewart, on first and second respectively, made a fine showing, and were the only members of the infield who held together all the time. Shirley, at third, and Hughes, at short, played well enough for the occasion, though errors were plentiful. Libby played in right field, while Montague and Chase Fairly presided in the other two gardens. Very few chances reached that far, but even they were not all handled successfully.

It is only fair to the opposite side to explain that the expected all star team was not all there. Pitts, from San Dimas, did the pitching. He displayed a good knowledge of the game and really pitched very well, although wild at times. The first baseman was decidedly off color and allowed most of the runs. Pete Agusyo appeared behind the bat for the visitors and displayed his usual trait of reckless baserunning.

For the last two weeks the boys have had an easy time of it, but it is not altogether due to classy play on their part. Tomorrow North Pasadena will put a team in the field and will make the locals earn all they get. Manager Covert is arranging games with first-class teams and thinks the locals can hold their own, but, if necessary, he says he will strengthen the team, so that Covina will see some good baseball this winter.

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THE DECAY IN ORANGES

Review of Conditions by G. Harold Powell.

The investigation by the Bureau of Plant Industry into the cause of decay in oranges was begun as the result of the efforts of Mr. J. H. Reed, an orange grower of Riverside, Cal., who, on account of the interstate nature of the problem, endeavored to induce the department of agriculture to undertake this work. In the winter of 1903-4 a preliminary survey of the orange industry was undertaken to make plans for this investigation. The causes of the decay were not understood, but a multitude of theories were advanced by growers and shippers to explain it. Some attributed the decay to the influence of the type of soil and to other conditions under which the fruit was grown; to a possible degeneracy in the fruit as the trees grew older, and to climatic conditions, such as frequent fogs and rains. The decay was thought by many to be capecially related to a supposed inherent weakness of the fruit during the blooming period of the trees, which occurs during the picking season. Others believed it to be due to methods practiced in the packing houses, while nearly all were more or less agreed that a large part of the loss was chargeable to inadequate or improperly handled transportation facilities. Teh decay entailed a heavy loss on the shipper, it was detrimental to the reputation of the industry, and it led to difficulties of various kinds between all parties concerned in the handling and transportation of citrus fruits.

The preliminary survey in the winter of 1903-4 showed that the decay was more troublesome in some regions than in others, that it was worse in some packing houses than in others in the same region, and that it usually increased in severity as the season advanced. Continual observations on many of the popular and supposed causes did not give promise of a satisfactory explanation, but it was noticed from the beginning that there was a close and constant relation between the various methods of handling the fruit and the development of decay.

Blue Mold of Citrus Fruits

The common blue-mold fungus was always found to be associated with decaying oranges, as was observed in 1905 by Woodworth. This fungus grew within the tissues of the fruit and caused a breaking down of the structure, which rapidly produced a soft decay of the entire fruit. Two distinct kinds of growth were constantly found. The most common grew rapidly in a rather indefinite area over the orange, producing a mass of olive-green spores, with a large area of white mold extending beyond the spores and producing a semi-soft condition of the fruit. The growth of the second was much slower and in a more definite area, and the spores were bright blue in color, though in other respects this fungus was similar to the first.

Both fungi have been determined as species of Penicillium. While a distinct difference can be seen in the growth of the two in producing decay in the orange, it has been difficult to separate them morphologically. Penicillium glaucum has been generally considered the most common of the mold fungi. Yet, on the orange the rapid-growing, olive-green fungus is referred to as Penicillium digitatum, and the slow-growing, bright-blue species as P. glaucum. The more common form is shown in Plate I, frontispiece. The spores are produced in countless numbers on the decaying fruit, of which there is always more or less in the groves and in and around the packing houses. They are on the fruit, on all the machinery and floating in the atmosphere, and they germinate easily and quickly wherever the conditions of heat and moisture are favorable.

That there might be no question about these molds being the cause of the decay, large numbers of fresh, sound oranges were inoculated both in the field and the laboratory with spores of these species, and without exception the characteristic decay resulted.

The citrus fruit crop of California amounts to nearly 30,000 cars annually of which the orange comprises from 85 to 90 per cent. The fruit is grown under intensive culture, and the handling, shipping and marketing of the crop, have resulted in the development of complex and highly specialized business practices.

The losses from decay in the orange during transportation formerly amounted to $750,000 to $1,500,000 annually. The decay is caused by a blue-mold fungus which enters the fruit through mechanical abrasions in the skin. The most common forms of mechanical injury are those caused by the clippers in cutting the fruit from the tree, stem punctures, and scratches and produced in the packing houses. Most of these injuries are invisible to the inexperienced eye. There has been a wide variation in the amount of injury in the fruit of different pickers, growers and packing houses, the variation commonly running from 1 to 50 per cent. A good deal of the trouble has been related to methods of business which place a premium on the amount rather than the quality of the work done by the picker, the grower, or the packing house.

By holding in many packing houses in California fruit that has been picked at different periods of the season, in different sections of the citrus belt, and that has been handled in different ways, it has been shown that the fruit that is handled the least develops the least decay, while the fruit that shows the greatest amount of injury develops the most decay. From the standpoint of the packing house, the least decay develops in sound unbrushed fruit. Brushing increases it, washing increases it still more, and any treatment that cut or tears the skin is followed by the greatest amount of decay.

There appears to be little difference in the amount of decay in oranges grown in different sections that have been handled in a similar manner, or in oranges picked from the same grove with equal care at different periods of the season, at least from January to May.

The "curing" of the orange for a few days before packing wilts the skin and in the early part of the season makes it pliable to handle. The curing is probably not harmful to uninjured fruit, but under the conditions of commercial handling in California the blue mold begins to develop in the oranges during the curing period, but does not develop far enough to be seen by the graders except in fruit that has been injured severely.

If the fruit is packed promptly after picking and is shipped at once in a cool temperature the decay may not develop in transit. The most progressive shippers now pack the fruit promptly after picking.

It is unnecessary to brush so large a proportion of the oranges as has been customary in the past, and the washing can be avoided by treating the groves properly for scale. The packing houses all through the citrus belt are ebing modified in the direction of more simple machinery.

The shipping experiments of the Bureau of Plant Industry during the past three years have included 297 shipments of fruit to New York. The shipments have included oranges handled in different ways before packing. The fruit has been shipped at different lengths of time after packing, and it has been forwarded under ventilation, icing and precooling followed by different conditions of icing.

From the standpoint of the handling of the fruit the least decay has developed under all methods of shipment in the sound, carefully handled oranges, and the greatest amount has developed in those that were mechanically injured. From the standpoint of the promptness of shipment after picking the least decay has developed in the oranges shipped immediately after packing, and the decay has increased in proportion as the time between packing and shipment has lengthened. From the standpoint of the method of shipment the least decay developed in the precooled fruit that was loaded in the cars in cold condition.

The cooling of the fruit to a temperature of about 40 degrees Fahrenheit before shipment appears to save ice in transit, as the cars do not require reicing as often as they do when forwarded under regular icing. It appears also to increase teh freight-carrying capacity of a car by making it possible to load the boxes more closely than is safe under regular icing. From the standpoint of decay, precooling the fruit is not essential, as the decay can be avoided by handling the fruit carefully. Precooling retards decay temporarily, but does not remove the cause. It should supplement rather than take the place of careful handling.

In the market holding tests the fruit that has not been mechanically injured keeps the longest, while the greatest loss occurs in oranges that have been thus injured.

The temperature of the fruit changes slowly in transit. In ventilated cars there may be extreme changes in the outside air, and if the extremes do not persist long the changes in the temperature of the fruit are relatively slow. In iced cars the temperature falls relatively fast during the first few days, but a train has covered one-third of the trip across the continent before the temperature of the fruit reaches 50 degrees Fahrenheit. The decay develops rapidly during the early part of the trip, while the fruit is warm. In a car in which the fruit is cooled to 40 degrees Fahrenheit or lower before shipment the temperature remains nearly constant if the car is re-iced regularly in transit. In cool weather it remains fairly constant without additional icing after the car leaves California. In warm weather the re-icing during the first half of the trip can be avoided, but the car may need re-icing during the latter half of the trip.

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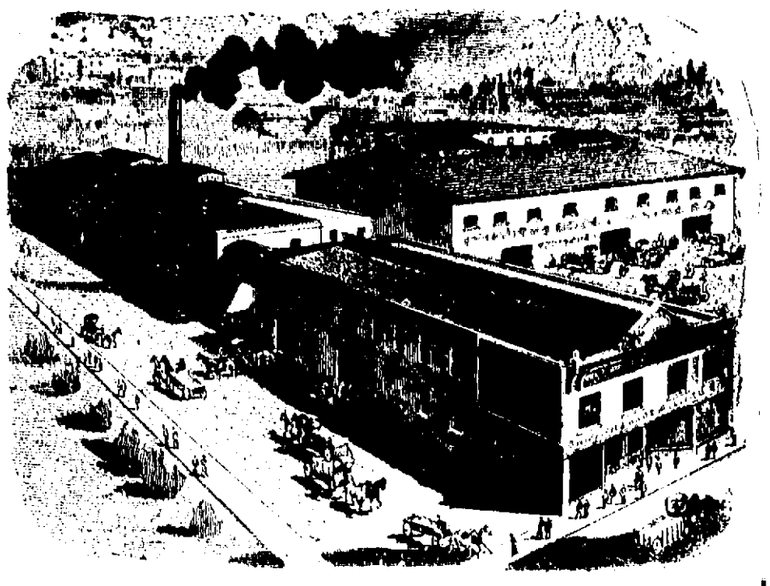
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JUBILATION.

There has been an expression of jubilation distinctly noticeable upon the features of every man encountered upon our streets this week, for the rain which has been quietly and softly falling during the last seven days speaks eloquently of glorious crops and bulging pocketbooks.

The rains of the past week have been some of the most beneficent that have blessed this country for the last ten years, being so gentle that the land has been able to absorb it as it fell, and so warm that there has been no danger of chilling even the tiniest rootlets.

The amount of precipitation for the storm has been 2.50 inches, making a total this season of 7.28 inches.

The storm has extended over a very large area, reaching from the Pacific Coast to the Mississippi Valley, and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico; and while the cold has been intense in the Middle Western States entailing much suffering and in many cases death to man and beast, and the heavy snow falls in the mountains of the Northern Pacific States have caused much damage and threatens serious floods; yet in this favored land of Southern California its effect guarantees abundance and prosperity alone.

Not only will it shortly convert this valley into a Paradise, clothing it in a mantle of living green from the springing crops of cereals and burdening the evening air with the sweet fragrance of the orange blossoms and the perfume of millions of roses, but it will attract to our vales of perennial summer, thousands of the dwellers in the more rigorous regions of the north and east, to augment our population, to add to our wealth, and reveling in our brilliant sunshine, to announce to the world that this land well merits its glorious name of Golden California.

A TERRIBLE RECORD.

The disaster in southern Italy is only the latest in a series of cataclysms which have shocked and wrecked Sicily, Calabria, and adjacent regions periodically since the dawn of history. To go no further back than the Christian era, we read of the destruction of Pompeii and Herculaneum in the Neopolitan district in the year 79. Cattania in Sicily, one of the cities overwhelmed last week, was buried in ruins in 1137 with a loss of 15,000 people. A little later, in 1180, the city of Calabria was overwhelmed by a tidal wave. In 1456 Naples was visited by an earthquake which killed 40,000 persons. Again, in 1626, Nables, with thirty nearby villages was devastated; loss $70,000. In 1638 the city of Calabria was again overwhelmed with the loss of unnumbered thousands. In 1693 fifty-four cities and three hundred villages of Sicily, including Catania, were shaken down with the loss of 100,000. In 1703 five thousand persons were killed by an earthquake at Aquila, Italy, and in 1706 fifteen thousand were destroyed at Abruzzi. Palermo, on the island of Sicily, was nearly destroyed in 1726 with the loss of six thousand lives. In 1783 Messina and other Sicilian towns were terribly shocked, with the loss of unnumbered thousands.

In 1805 six thousand were killed in Naples and in 1819 Genoa, Palermo, and Rome, with all the intervening region, were visited with a shock which destroyed multitudes. In April, 1835, one thousand persons were buried under the walls of Calabria by an earthquake and in October of the same year a lighter shock killed one hundred persons. In 1851 Melfi, in southern Italy, was thrown down, with the loss of 14,000 persons, and in 1857 the ill faring Calabria was again shocked with vast loss of life. In more recent times there have been many earthquakes in the same region. The whole of southern Italy was violently shaken in 1881 and again in 1883. There was another and a comparatively light shock over the whole of southern Europe in 1887, and so late as September, 1905, Calabria was again badly shaken, with the loss of five hundred. Only two years ago, on November 11, 1906, the region about Vesuvius, including Naples, was devastated, with the loss of one thousand lives. Still again, in October, 1907, six hundred persons were killed at Calabria. In the seventy five years from 1783 to 1857 the kingdom of Naples alone lost over 110,000 inhabitants by earthquake; an average of 1,500 a year out of a population of 6,000,000.

The record is a terrible one, but it shows that that which has just been suffered has many historical counterparts. Those who imagine that the devastated territory will be abandoned have observed human nature to small purpose. It will no doubt be many a year before the more notable structures which have gone down at Messina and elsewhere will be restored. But with progress of time, toiling and hopeful generations will renew what has been lost. This is the story of such incidents the world over and we see it exemplified with especial significance in the scenes under our eyes in San Francisco, where a new city vastly greater and more imposing than that which was destroyed in 1906 is rapidly rising.

Incidents like the immediate disaster in Italy have this value, namely, they stir the heart of the world and tend to develop the tenderer sentiments of humanity. The cost is indeed great, but it is worth something to the world in its moral character to suffer as it has suffered during the past ten days and to hold out as it has the hand of a bountiful Providence.—Argonaut.

The death of "Father Horton," founder of San Diego, removes from Southern California at the ripe age of ninety-two years one of the most prominent, as well as one of the most benignant, of the California pioneer race. Father Horton more than forty years ago bought eight hundred and eighty acres on the shores of San Diego Bay, where the city now stands, at twenty-six cents an acre. He was a man beloved by the people for his sterling character.

The enterprising little town of Covina has just let the contract for a new Union High School. Its architectural design is very much after the plan of the South Pasadena school but suffers considerable by comparison as far as the imposing magnificence of the two buildings is concerned. When the lawn is put in around the local building it is safe to say that it will be the most beautiful school structure in the county. —South Pasadena Record.

Just wait until we are through.

Senator Thompson of the 35th District has been appointed upon the following committees by Lieutenant Governor Porter: Committee on Education, Committee on Irrigation, Committee on Judiciary.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Monday afternoon, January 11, a basketball game between the Sophomores and Seniors was played on the High School grounds. At the close of the game the teams were tied, score 8 to 8. The Sophs resurrected an old, half-forgotten rule and because of this rule plus a faulty decision, two points extra were allowed them, securing victory by a score of 10 to 8.

A debate between the Freshman-Sophomore and Junior-Senior divisions of the classes in argumentation will be held at the High School next Thursday, January 21. Question: "Resolved, That the capitol of California should be removed from Sacramento to Berkeley." A well contested debate is expected as each division declares it will win and is working hard to secure the victory.

A series of basketball games for the championship of the High School will be played in the near future, before the opening of the baseball season. A championship banner will be presented to the class winning the most victories. At present it seems that the championship lies between the Sophomore and Senior teams. However, the Freshmen and Juniors may develop unexpected strength. It is certain that some "classy" games will be played before the championship is decided upon. The following is the schedule (subject to modification) of games to be played: Friday, Jan. 15, Sophomores vs. Freshmen; Monday, Jan. 18, Seniors vs. Juniors; Friday, Jan 22, Sophomores vs. Juniors; Monday, Jan. 25, Seniors vs. Freshmen.

A new fad has taken possession of the boys and is rapidly becoming a craze. If a student wishes to be regarded a live member of the school, he must take up this fad. The following are the operations he must go through in taking it up. Each day upon arriving at school, he must trade one of his socks with another student. (In the first place it should be clearly understood that he is to wear only the "sportiest" socks he possesses. Red, green or blue preferred.) After changing socks it is necessary that he turn up his trousers a peg in order to properly display the color values of his hosiery. Next he must go to another student of his class and change coats with him. If he wishes to be especially "classy," he may go down town to a milliner's shop and buy an untrimmed hat for 10 cents (red color preferred). This will add greatly, in fact it will be the finishing touch of color, to his appearance. Then, and only then, may he consider himself a progressive member of the High School, although he may look somewhat like this:

Remember the debate, Pasadena vs. Covina, at the Woman's Club House Friday evening, January 22. Come and see us win. This will be the big debate of the year.

ARTHUR BIXBY.

CHARTER OAK.

Mr. H. C. Mace has returned from Arizona, where he has been spending a month with his son, Fred.

Miss Lottie Stowell is spending the week with her cousin, Mrs. Rice, at Alhambra.

Mrs. Nole and daughter Helen of Berkeley, who have been spending ten days at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Henry Jenner, left yesterday for Los Angeles.

Messrs. Ward and Johnson of San Dimas report the following sales this week: The Covina Irrigating Company sells to Messrs. Porch and Brower of San Dimas, 20 acres of unimproved land on Allen avenue, near San Dimas. Price $2500.

Mrs. Graves of Los Angeles buys of J. B. Yost his 10 acres of land, improved to young Valencias and dewberries, on Gladstone avenue, Charter Oak, at a cash consideration of $5000.

Mrs. C. Evans of Pomona has sold 10 acres navel oranges at Charter Oak to Messrs. Holt and Qualey of Los Angeles. Price $9000. She takes in part payment a cottage on West 46th Street, Los Angeles. Mr. Holt will build and reside on the Charter Oak property.

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Church News

Christian Church: Bible-school 9:45. Preaching by the pastor 11; subject, "Working with God." Junior 3. Senior Endeavor 6:30. Preaching 7:30; subject, "Breaking the Chains." Good music. A cordial welcome to all. Annual meeting and supper Thursday evening.

Worship at the Baptist Church: Bible-school 9:45 a.m. Preaching 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. by the pastor. B.Y.P.U. 6:30 p.m. Topic, "The City of Destination." Leader, Miss Bertha Followell. All are cordially invited to these services.

Presbyterian services: Sunday-school 9:45 a.m. Preaching 11 a.m. by Rev. Robert Cleland, D.D., of Long Beach. Junior 3 p.m. Y.P.S.C.E. 6:30. Gospel service 7:30. Prayer-meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. All strangers and friends are most cordially invited to all these services. Paul G. Stevens, pastor.

Services in the Church of the Holy Trinity—Second Sunday after Epiphany: Holy Communion 7:30 a.m. Sunday-school 9:45 a.m. Morning prayer 11 a.m.; subject, "The Incarnation — the Starting Point of Missions"—the missionary work of the church. Evensong 7:30 p.m.; subject, "The Blessedness of Obedience."

Methodist services: At the Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. H. W. White, M.A., will preach at 11 a.m. on "Is God Interested in our Prayers," and at 7:30 on "Serving Mammon." Sunday-school at 9:45. Class meeting 12:15. Junior League 3. Intermediate and Senior League at 6:30. You are cordially invited to attend these services. We aim to make this a home-like church.

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Local Events.

Mrs. Will Wyeth has been ill early in the week but is now much better.

Miss Louise Pomeroy left on Wednesday to visit friends in Redondo.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Worrel, who have been visiting with their son at Reedley, Cal., returned on Tuesday last.

Mr. Frank Peabody was the guest last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Collins.

The Pastor's Aid of the Presbyterian church met last Wednesday afternoon in the social hall.

Mrs. Imogene Gilmore was the guest last week end of her daughter, Mrs. Ferrell in Los Angeles.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church gave a social last night at the home of Chas. Gass on Center street.

Miss Clara Fenson of Los Angeles is the week-end guest of Miss Adah Way, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. W. M. Griswold.

The Rev. and Mrs. P. G. Stevens were guests during the early part of the week of the former's parents at Santa Ana.

J. D. Moffatt, who has been occupying a railroad position at Omaha, returned last Sunday for a vacation with his wife and daughter on Cottage Drive.

Messrs. Sutherland & McKenzie are entertaining the father of the latter, who has arrived from Canada to spend the winter in California.

The annual meeting of the congregation of the Christian church, which was to have taken place last Thursday, was postponed until next Thursday on account of the rain.

Miss Phyllis Brunges is a guest at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wilkins of Highland. When she comes back she will be surprised and delighted to find that the stork has brought her a baby sister.

Principal and Mrs. A. H. Collins were present at the Baptist Educational banquet given on Wednesday evening in Berean hall of Temple Auditorium, Los Angeles. There were about 250 guests present.

Mrs. J. J. Morgan of Long Beach arrived in Covina Thursday and will probably remain for three or four months, during the absence of Prof. Morgan, who left on Tuesday on a business trip to Panama, Mexico and other points in South America.

A. J. Wilkins of Highland was here on Sunday visiting relatives. With his brother-in-law, A. R. Evans, he took an auto trip around the valley looking at the different ranches. He noticed particularly the heavy crops of those which had been generously fertilized and vice versa.

John Wallace, who is under parole from the State Hospital at Patton, was in Covina this week. On Monday last his wife, Editha Wallace, obtained a divorce from him on the ground that he was insane before marriage. She also stated that he "had a manner which she could not resist." She was given some sound advice by the judge.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Aschenbrenner entertained the Christian Workers of the Church of the Brethren on last Friday evening. A very pleasant and instructive evening was spent, Mr. and Mrs. Aschenbrenner having many interesting things to tell of their stay at Manila also many souvenirs of that place. Refreshments of coffee and sandwiches were served.

Stevens and Matney report a gratifying increase of their trade, the daily receipts being now one-third more than when the took over the business. They have started a fine new delivery wagon for supplying their customers in Covina and vicinity. They are both energetic young men and we predict a successful business career for them.

The Rev. Halsey, secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, addressed a meeting for women on Thursday afternoon, and a union meeting in the evening at the Presbyterian church. On account of the rain the attendance was small. Mr. Halsey, who is an earnest and impressive speaker, handled his subject in a manner which proved extremely interesting to his hearers.

There was no meeting of the Monday Afternoon Club last Saturday afternoon as it was thought wise, on account of the rain, to postpone Mrs. Hazzard's lecture and demonstration on bread-making until the next "Household Economics" day. At the regular meeting on Monday afternoon at 3 p. m. the session will be in charge of Miss Cora Davis, who will be assisted by some of the young ladies of the High School, in celebrating the birth centenary of Edgar Allen Poe.

Mrs. A. A. Cilley of Cincinnati Ohio, who is wintering in Pasadena, was the guest of old friends, Mmes. Warner, Whitsel and Griswold. She had intended to stay longer in Covina and then proceed to Glendora, and was to have been the guest of honor at a reception to be given by Mmes. Whitsel and Griswold at the home of the latter last Tuesday. She was, however, taken ill with the grippe and left for her home on Monday.

The death took place this week at her home in Los Angeles of Miss Bessie Hopkins, daughter of Mrs. Hattie Hopkins, and niece of Mrs. Belle Harris of this town. This sweet and gentle young lady has been for many years a sufferer from tuberculosis. She made many friends in Covina during her visit here, who will be grieved to hear of her death, which followed on a rapid failure of health during the last few months. The remains were laid to rest in Oakdale cemetery near those of her maternal grandmother, after a short service in the Episcopal church.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith were entertained at dinner on Sunday last by Judge and Mrs. Rives of Downey.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Huff and Mr. Alec Anderson went to Los Angeles on Tuesday evening to hear Mme. Gadski.

Mrs. E. H. Labee entertained informally at dinner last Friday evening, the guests being Mmes. McAllen, Hicks, Wallace, Reed and Wm. Clark.

Miss Mae Fagan of Yampa, Col., was a luncheon guest on Tuesday of Mrs. R. A. Howland. The young lady is wintering with relatives in Los Angeles.

Miss Jess Chamberson of Bakersfield is the week end guest of Mrs. F. M. Smith.

Mr. Jack Lough, who has returned to Covina from Berkeley, spent a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Knight at Pomona.

Mrs. Alfred Fletcher returned on Sunday last from the Good Samaritan Hospital. She was much tired by the trip but is now rested and glad to be in her own home again.

Andrew McAllen has been confined to his residence this week by an attack of the prevailing malady, la grippe. It was of an acute form and for several days he was confined to his couch.

George Jeffrey left on Friday for a visit to his old home in Norfolk, England, having received news of the sickness of his mother. He expects to be away about six months.

Miss Sarah Kriess of Upland returned to her home at Upland on Thursday last after spending a week at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Leebrick. Miss Bessie Leebrick went back with her, returning to Covina on Monday.

Hon. W. B. Griffith of Napa, a member of the California Assembly, who has been appointed by Chairman Stanton as chairman of the committee of public morals, is a brother of Geo. W. and W. L. Griffith of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Simpson, who sold their house on Cottage Drive to Mr. Phil. Clapp, are moving their furniture to their ranch home near Corona, where they will reside after Mrs. Simpson has visited relatives in Los Angeles.

The following delegates from the Young People's Society of the Baptist church attended the Southern California Baptist convention in Los Angeles last Sunday. The Misses Daisy Ross, Nellie Moore and Messrs. Albie Homfelt and Charles Stevens; the Rev. and Mrs. Gage and Mmes. Custer and Kent were there on Monday.

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If Mary is left alone with three apples and four W. W. & Co.'s doughnuts, what will she have left? Three apples.

Mike Rebham has bought 20 acres of dairy land in Tulare county and is expected home from that locality today.

Friday evening, Jan. 22nd, the men of the Presbyterian church will entertain the members of the congregation in the social hall of the church.

Do not forget that Dr. Clark (osteopath) who has succeeded to Dr. Goodell's practice, occupies the same offices in the First National Bank building. tf

For Sale—Jersey cow and heifer calf; fresh this week. Also white Leghorn young laying hens. D. W. MacDonald, Baranca street. Phone 1259.

Jimmie Hodges, Jr., is mourning the loss of his valuable Scotch Collie, which was found dead in a nearby orchard, the work of some malicious person.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Griswold are now comfortably located in their home on San Bernardino road. It has been enlarged and modernized and will be further described next week.

Mrs. S. J. Quint and daughter, Mrs. Aletta Wilson, of Los Angeles, aunt and cousin of Mr. Oscar Miller, were luncheon guests at his home on Wednesday. The former is the wife of Police Surgeon Quint.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Watts this week were, on Sunday, Mrs. Ethel Painter of Pasadena; on Monday and Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. Inman and family of San Diego; on Wednesday Mmes. Rensberg of Los Angeles and Gilbert of Seattle.

Mr. E. H. Taylor and wife of Oakland, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Covina as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clark and while here purchased through the agency of Wm. Clark, some valuable property, upon which they will erect a fine dwelling as a winter home.

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AMBITIOUS PROGRAM.

First Efficiency Exhibition of Athletic Club on Tuesday Evening.

The formative period of the new club for young men, known as the Covina Christian Culture and Athletic Club, with quarters of their own in the Coolman block, near the Southern Pacific depot, is announced as being at an end. The gymnasium branch is thoroughly organized and ready for the first "at home" exhibition, which will be held on this coming Tuesday evening. This is to be a social as well as an instructive evening. Each member will be given three tickets to be presented to his friends, ladies especially being given an urgent invitation. The member dispensing tickets is requested to explain that a lunch for three is expected from each little party, and the result in dainty provisions will probably be "pooled" for the enjoyment of the entire assembly. The club orchestra will dispense music. During the evening several vocal numbers will also be given.

Physical director Logue will have charge of the floor work and supervision of the entire exhibition. Assistant physical director Edward Sprotte, will lead the junior class in a dumb-bell drill, and the senior class in a wand drill. There will be a punching bag exhibitions by Fred Middough and Walter Stewart, and one of the features of the evening will be a three round sparring exhibition by Mark Middough and Charles McDonald. Spring board exercises, parallel bar, horizontal bar and mat work will be a part of the program.

BRANCH STOCK PURCHASED.

The Broadwell Store Buys Out Live Business in San Jacinto Valley.

W. B. Broadwell, owner and proprietor of Covina's largest department store, has puchased a large stock of goods of J. A. Edwards at Hemet, in the San Jacinto valley, appraised at $10,000. Mr. Broadwell will operate the Hemet store in that enterprising little town as a branch of his Covina business. The citizens of Hemet are delighted with the prospect of annexing in part the interests of Mr. Broadwell, as they have ascertained that he is a progressive, down-to-date business man of the kind needed in their town. Mr. Broadwell has been looking over the situation in the vicinity of Hemet for some time, and has arrived at the conclusion that this town is a good location for a man understanding thoroughly the business of catering to the public through a general department store. While Mr. Broadwell intends to continue increasing his trade in Covina, he sees the opportunity for expansion in other towns and it will not be surprising to Covina citizens who know this hustling man, to hear that he contemplates further growth in business. The Argus holds out the "palms of victory" to Mr. Broadwell, and all his friends wish him Godspeed in his newest venture.

Real Estate Sales.

Through D. W. MacDonald, local agent for the Edwards & Wildey Co., Elmer E. Cook of Walnut Center has sold to C. B. Crawford, 20 acres in young walnuts and alfalfa, including a one-sixth interest in a pumping plant of 175 inches capacity. Consideration, $8000.

The real estate firm of Jerome Reynolds reports the sale to C. J. Hurst of Whittier the 12½ acre orange grove of Chas. S. Needham on Azusa avenue for the sum of $16000. Mr. Needham takes in part payment four lots and a nine room residence in Whittier, valued at $8750.

The Crawford brothers of Covina have bought 30 acres of the Baldwin tract on Lark Ellen avenue. Price $250 per acre. Geo. W. Griffiths made the sale.

Pollard and Hutchinson report the sale by D. Homfeld to David Bradshaw of two lots 60x175 each with five-room cottage, corner of Fourth and Center street, for $2,800 cash; also, a house and lot in Los Angeles belonging to C. R. Cummings to H. D. Madison for $3,300. Mr. Cummings accepted the confectionery store at $2,500 and balance mortgage back on Los Angeles property.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Ellison from Minnesota have bought a five acre grove on Irwindale avenue from Mr. George Anderson; consideration $5,500. They will build a home immediately and will prove a welcome addition to local society.

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New sewing machine to trade for horse or for other furniture.
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Wanted—Girl or woman for light housework. Call on Mrs. D. E. Huff, Orange street.

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Place your spare cash in the Covina Valley Savings Bank, a safe investment at 4 per cent.

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Wanted — A first class 20-acre orange grove in bearing. Some Valencias. Description and lowest cash price to J. H. Matthews, Covina.

For Sale — Eucalyptus wood at $9.50 per cord. Two blocks west of grammar school, Covina, on ranch of J. H. Adams. Bert H. Hendricks, Phone 1147. tf

FOR SALE One bay horse, weight 1460 lbs, 5 years old coming spring. Perfectly gentle, absolutely true to pull and very handsome. Will sell reasonable or buy a mate. O. O. Kincaid. Home Phone 57. 1-16

FitzGerald & Barry of Pasadena loan money on ranches and improved real estate at lowest current rates. Write or telephone them at Pasadena or call up J. W. Prentiss, Covina phone 2134, and ask to have a representative of the firm call on you. tf

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Besides the class work, the Institute conducts special work under competent leaders for both men and women in the shops and laundries; has a mission for the Spanish speaking people and a missionary working among the Jewish people. It is also doing a house to house work through special visitors. These various agencies afford opportunities for the students to qualify themselves for practical Christian work.

The Institute is interdenominational in character; its board of directors are accredited ministers and laymen of different denominations.

The school has become a rallying center for Bible instruction, and a radiating center for Christian activity of various kinds. The winter terms will begin on January 11th. Adults twenty years of age and over, properly recommended, are welcome. No educational test is required. There is no charge for tuition.

Men and women who desire to fit themselves for any kind of Christian work to serve under any denomination or society they choose, are invited to enroll.

The schedule of classes include a thorough study of the English Bible chapter study, homiletics, personal work and missions.

Arrangements will be made for board and lodging in Christian homes at special rates. Correspondence is solicited.

T. C. HORTON, Supt.
260 261 So. Main St.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER OF COVINA ARGUS

Among the enterprising newspapers of Southern California issuing a Christmas number is the **Covina Argus**, which published a beautiful edition of twenty-four pages, printed on white book paper, and containing matter of interest concerning Christmas, and treating the citrus industry quite extensively. Half tone cuts illustrate what may be found in Covina in the form of beautiful homes, churches and business houses, as well as places of amusement in the surrounding country.—Long Beach Press.

SAN DIMAS.

Never in the history of the orange industry has there been such a demand for trees as is the case this year. The largest citrus nurseries in the world are located here and every orange tree has been sold. The only trees left are lemon and grapefruit.

Mr. Teague, who has been in the business twenty years, says this condition is unprecedented.

In 1892 when trees sold for $1.30 each, the supply was exhausted by April, and this season, with a much larger supply on hand than ever before, every tree was sold by the first of the year.

Although a great number of these trees have been planted in Southern California, the majority of them have gone to Fresno county.

Many orchardists who have delayed ordering will be compelled to plant grapefruit and bud them over.

WASHINGTON CITIES SHAKEN BY QUAKE.

On Monday, Seattle and other Washington cities were shaken by an earthquake at 3:55 p. m. The vibrations, which were from north to south, were of about thirty seconds' duration. Heavy buildings rocked and moved perceptibly, furniture was shifted and in many places plaster dropped from walls and ceilings. It is thought that the earthquake extended far north, probably through Alaska and the Yukon districts.

BAPTIST UNIVERSITY AT REDLANDS

Funds for the building of the Baptist University at Redlands is now practically complete and the success of the undertaking assured. On January 20 the trustees will elect a president, and the Rev. J. N. Field of Redlands, who has made the canvas for funds, will be recommended for that position. There is no question but that he will be the first president.

Charles A. Coey said yesterday that he will make the attempt to cross the continent in his balloon, the Chicago. He has been carefully studying the local situation here from the standpoint of a balloonist, and is firmly convinced that the project is feasible, agreeing with Dick Ferris that there are chances to make the longest land trip in the world from Los Angeles.

Dick Ferris predicted before the first ascent of his American at Los Angeles that expert balloonists would be attracted here by the great possibilities in the journey, and Mr. Coey is the first to confirm his opinion. Since he has taken opportunity to look the starting point over Mr. Coey is more firmly convinced that some one will soon accomplish the journey by balloon. The possibilities of sweeping over mountain and desert and perhaps achieving the longest aerial trip ever made appeal strongly to him, and he hopes to be the first to accomplish it.

The Christmas edition of the Covina Argus was a peach. The edition was 24 pages, filled with many half tone cuts, presenting well the business interests of the thriving community of Covina. E. M. McDougall.

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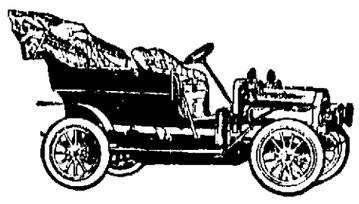

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING PETITION FOR THE VACATION AND ABANDOMENT OF PORTIONS OF ROWLAND AND WORKMAN AVENUES IN COVINA ROAD DISTRICT, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Notice is hereby given that a petition signed by United Investment Co. and 14 others, asking for the vacation and abandonment of that portion of Rowland Avenue from Azusa Street to the westerly line of the Phillips Tract, and that portion of Workman avenue from said Azusa Street to the westerly line of the said Phillips Tract, as per map recorded in Book 9, page 4, Miscellaneous Records of said County, said avenues being situated in the Covina Road District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, has been filed with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, and that said petition will be heard by said Board, at its office in the County Courthouse, City of Los Angeles, California, on Monday, December 28, 1908, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, California, made December 7, 1908.

C. G. KEYES,
County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said Los Angeles County.
by A. M. McPherron, Deputy Clerk.

Assessment Notice.

Covina Irrigating Company, principal place of business, Covina, Rowland Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the second day of December, 1908, an assessment, (No 47) of 75 cents per share was levied upon the capital stock (as increased October 22nd, 1886) of the above named corporation, payable immediately to the secretary at the office of the company at Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 5th day of January, 1909, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 26th day of January, 1909, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the company in Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with cost of advertising and expense of sale.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.
Covina, Cal., December 2, 1908.

By the board of directors of the Covina Irrigating Company at a meeting held Jan. 6, 1909, the date of delinquency in the above assessment notice was advanced from Jan. 5th, 1909, to Jan. 20, 1909, and the date of sale from Jan 26, 1909, to Feb. 10, 1909.

B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, made on the 6th day of May, 1907, in the matter of the estate and guardianship of Lucinda Rockwell, a mentally incompetent person, in the matter of the above entitled estate, the undersigned administrator of the said estate, will sell at private sale to the highest bidder for cash, in gold coin of the United States, and on such terms as may be satisfactory to said administrator and lawful, and subject to confirmation by the said Superior Court, on and after the 1st day of February, 1909, at the office of Wm. A. Gaines, attorney for said administrator and estate, room 401, Chamber of Commerce, 130 South Broadway, City and County of Los Angeles, State of California, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said estate of Lucinda Rockwell, mentally incompetent, in and to all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, lying and being in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, and described as follows, to wit:

Lot 17, in block 5, of the Townsite of Covina, as per map in Book 9, pages 3-4, Miscellaneous Records of Los Angeles County, State of California, and all the personal property itemized and described in said petition.

Said real property so described is recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Los Angeles County, State of California.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1908.
WM. A. GAINES, Attorney for the Estate.
401 Chamber of Commerce Bldg.

Summons.

In the Justice's Court of Rowland township, County of Los Angeles, State of California, State of California plaintiff, vs. J. F. Jackson, and R. P. Davidson, defendants.

The people of the State of California send greetings to: J. F. Jackson and R. P. Davidson defendants.

You are here directed to appear in an action brought against you by the above named plaintiff, in the Justice's Court of Rowland Township, Los Angeles County, State of California, and to answer before the justice at his office in Covina, in said Township, the complaint filed therein, within five days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service on you of this summons, if served within the Township, in which this action is brought, or, if served out of said Township but within said County, within ten days; or within twenty days if served elsewhere. And you are hereby notified that unless you so appear and answer said complaint, as above required, said plaintiff will cause your default to be entered and take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the complaint as arising upon contract, or will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, together with the cost of suit.

Given under my hand this second day of January, 1909.

W. P. Marshall
Justice of the Peace of Rowland Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

FOR SALE

Five room house and barn, lot 50x175, fenced, close to Citrus avenue and electric road. $1800.

Lot 50x175 adjoining above, full bearing Washington navels. $850.

Four room modern house, two porches, bath, cellar, electric lights, large lot 60x175. E. College St. $2500.

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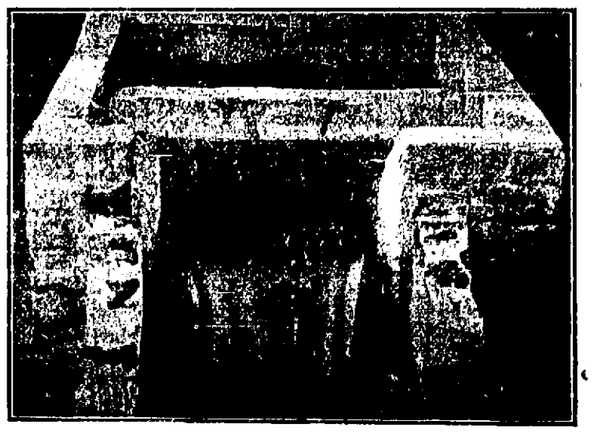

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IMPERIAL VALLEY THE EGYPT OF CALIFORNIA

The Re-survey Will Throw Thousands of Acres in the Vicinity of Imperial Junction Open for Entry After January 23rd.

Up until June of 1908 the output of the Imperial Valley, embracing all lands below Imperial Junction, was as follows: Barley, $450,000; hogs, $200,400; cattle, $353,800; dairy cows and products, $325,000; cantaloupes, $225,325. The cantaloupe crop for 1908 was a little over 1,500 carloads, more in fact than could be shipped from the valley, owing to the pioneer condition of the Southern Pacific railroad branch. Deciduous fruits and grapes are being planted. Citrus nurseries and citrus orchards are being contemplated. One man has 320 acres of grapes, half zinfandels and half muscatels. The re-survey now nearly completed by the government has thrown open a large amount of unpreempted lands, which may be taken up at any time after January 23. The government is also figuring on contracts to conserve and divert waters for irrigation purposes in the interior of the Chocolate mountains.

The homeseeker is an earnest individual. A new country, strange conditions, and the lottery of assuming the responsibility of life on untried lands, sets a mark of dogged determination on the face of the pioneer. He is making a cast into an unknown sea, and there is no way of determining what the nets will contain when drawn. But the desire for a home of his own is old with him, old as his remotest ancestors, and he wanders far afield, searching and scrutinizing the unpre-empted acres that a free country has to offer. He is the Western Empire in its nebulous state, the possessor of green acres to be—or a failure driven out of Eden, as circumstance decrees.

I watched with unfailing interest the faces of the homeseekers at Imperial Junction, the gateway to the great New land of Desire, last week, as they thronged out of the dusty coaches of the transcontinental train for Yuma and New Orleans—watched them with a growing warmth of admiration as they grouped themselves about the desert station, waiting for the little spur-track train that was to take them to the lower Imperial Valley and their destinations. I had been instructed to get the facts for the Argus concerning this near-virgin territory, and here were facts, such ones as preface the story of a struggle for independence and happiness and domestic fidelity and love and eternal hope. An hundred and sixty acres for a few dollars of expenditure and the courage to reclaim from the desert, the monster desert that remains so seemingly indifferent to the whims and desires and fancies of humanity, but which warms sometimes into a fellowship incredible with man. Out of the sixty odd men and women waiting on the platform, it was a simple matter to segregate the half-dozen commercial travelers, omnipresent in all countries. A few also were already landed proprietors returning from the holiday week in the country of civilization. It was easy not to mistake them. They knew from which side of the station the little train was bound to appear. Across the track the Japanese boy on the veranda of the hotel pounded monotonously and hideously on the triangle, attempting to beguile in western fashion the hungry and the ones who had no place to lay their heads. But the homeseekers had no gnawing at the stomach. Their hunger was land-hunger, and their weariness came of long peonage behind counters or upon lands not in any sense their own. A woman gazed out at the purple hills and the whitened plains as uncomprehending as the baby she held in her arms. It was a new land. She did not understand. But she trusted in the man at her side.

Working and Waiting.

After a decorous wait, even as the society woman dallies a few minutes ere greeting the caller in the reception room, the important little train accepted its passengers on equal terms and started off mincingly down the valley. Immediately the transformation began, and the eye brightened before the introduction of green patches in the plains, alfalfa fields flooded with brown water, dotted with cattle and turkeys and hogs, with here and there a man (or woman) guarding the taps and checks of the irrigation system; the earth brown and the water loaded with the silt of the same color, but the alfalfa green as the first sight of Ireland's hills, striking a glad note of promise in the midst of Nature's undisturbed chaos.

"Now you see," said the tall homeseeker, rising to this bait like a ravenous salmon, "you see, mother, this is what happens to this land when the water's put on. These fellows have got the water and the land comes right through with crops. This is the same as we've been passing through for some time, but here they've got the water system working, and you can see the alfalfa and the hogs they're raising. It's no lie, this country. It's all here if you can stand the first part of working it out."

It was an even simpler task to pick out the homeseekers now. Windows were pushed up, and eyes scanned the trend of the turgid river as it meandered through the deep cuts of brown earth. And then into Brawley, which a Scotsman might well say was "a braw bit of a town, and the hundreds of acres on every side, covered with corn shocks crowding each other on the land—Kaffir corn and Kansas dent, recognized by the bronzed homeseeker in the ear—the second crop of the season, after the cantaloupes had been harvested and sent out into the world of larger civilization. Here the land appears to be nearly black and alluvial, and the town has sprung up like a town of dreams, almost in the time a man might pass that way. Other settlements caused the train to pause a moment, and then such towns as El Centro, the county seat of this infant county prodigy, and Imperial, which lost the county buildings but gained in its population without cessation—always running through lands where the irrigator was busy checking and working the water over green crops, even though the season was the midwinter of the valley. Small and cheaply constructed buildings and tents straggled out on the edges of the towns, first domiciles to be called home by the settler in the Valley of the New Desire.

New and Old World.

On another little spur-track running out of El Centro is the town of Holtville, named for the indomitable little man who has carried Imperial Valley on his shoulders for many years until now his private car is switched on to any road in the country. Around this town much of the government land still open to the homeseeker lies. And at the American terminus of the line is the border town of Calexico, the demarkation between the old world or somnolence and happy poverty and the nervous upward progress of the Western world, the border town between United States and Mexico, filled with shack stores that contain the finest up-to-date goods to be obtained in California, owned or operated by American or Americanized men of ability and acumen, possessing a three-story brick hotel with prices per day that a Los Angeles tourist need not be ashamed of, and a cosmopolitan street scene of red-kerchiefed Indians and Mexicans, muddy-booted cow-punchers and range men, a link in the chain full of virility and color—all there to force the desert to give up its accumulated wealth and cease to sleep the sleep of countless centuries.

At this season, when the valley is supposed to be resting from the labors of the burning summer, it is a hive of industry in every town. Back on the return trip I stopped over for an afternoon at Imperial Junction, in the eyes of the homeseekers at the present time because of the re-survey recently accomplished by the government. Here the lands for twenty miles on each side of the track are sectioned into a railroad tract, one-half of each 640 acres being taken by the Southern Pacific under the desert reclamation act applying to railroading. The land has lain in doubt for twenty years, owing to the obliteration in part of the first survey stakes by the passage of time, the settling up on desert claims without proper and authoritative landmarks, and its final complete confusion in this especial region when the Colorado river went on its gleeful rampage and swelled the Salton Sea to respectful proportions. I chose a homeseeker as a companion, with his consent, and walked the three intervening miles from the station to the edge of the Salton Sea, and it was well worth the while. Over level lands, thousands of them without a mark of the hand of humanity, white on the surface with the sediment of the receded sea, but absolutely devoid of alkali and covered thickly with the vari-colored sage and desert clover (which is mis-named and not edible) to the ocean edge, where the water lay still as a frozen lake of the East in the absence of breeze in the shut-in valley, where we tasted the water and found it brackish and with a strong savor of salt. Around us on every side lay the debris of the mountain timber and the pieces of railroad construction that went down before the assaults of the escaped river. Great girders of new timber, once a part of the bridge above, lay in the sand forgotten, hundreds of ties flung up by the flood, and drift-wood of every description, with here and there a flat-bottomed boat, also a forgotten derelict on a shore where men seldom came. From the marshes rose thousands of mud-hens, and the familiar cry of the teal and mallard and sprig was heard everywhere as the birds circled their disturbed nesting places. One lone man, a hunter, met us with a barley sack on his shoulder and his shotgun. He informed us that he had "got the limit of ducks," and grinned as we surveyed his bulging sack.

Over and around the eighty miles of this silent inland sea there is no habitation, save those maintained by the Southern Pacific on its interior shores. Beneath the waters many feet is buried the industry of refining the salt of the old sea bed, buildings and all succumbing to the Colorado's inrush. The breach which caused the [illegible] to fill up has long since been repaired, probably never to repeat its [illegible]. tion, but man has not yet ventured within easy distance, not through fear perhaps, but because the country has not attracted him. Now the government promises that water is to be developed in the Chocolate mountains to the north, and the land is being looked upon by the homeseekers with covetous eyes.

The concluding chapter of a sketch of this country should in reality be the preface, so far as the prospective homeseeker is concerned. A visit to the land-office of the United States government on the fourth floor of the Chamber of Commerce building in Los Angeles, will open the eyes of the dweller in these civilized communities. All day long the clerks of the office hold a reception. The little office is filled with earnest men and women, who pore over the maps and plats of this recent re-survey, seeking the sparse information which may be obtained in this manner, asking questions of the attendants of a nature running the gamut. This is the starting point, and armed with the localities and the conditions existing in regard to these government lands of the Imperial Valley, the men and women with the land-hunger fare go forth on the quest. That is the reason for the influx into this new valley, where so many are succeeding, and where a few, it is true, exercise the divine right of the incompetent to fail in any enterprise. No word-picture has any particular effect as regards description, except that it brings to the reader the fact that there are lands to be had for the asking in the Imperial—desert entries of 320 acres or homestead entries of 160 acres. The land office supplies the minute information, both through printed matter and instructions from Uncle Sam's votaries. Start at the land office, and then go and see the lands as hundreds of others are doing. For it is written in the sacred work that the desert shall blossom as the rose.

HENRY L. MARSHALL.

San Pedro to Become Big Naval Station.

SAN PEDRO.—Believing that the United States government will establish a mammoth naval station here if some concession can be made in the way of a site for the proposed torpedo station in the outer harbor, the San Pedro chamber of commerce has written a letter to the board of city trustees, asking that negotiations be opened at once with the navy department.

The communication will reach the trustees officially next Tuesday afternoon, but already much interest has been aroused here, for it has become known that the government will look with greater favor on this harbor as the basis for its Pacific coast torpedo station if the rights of the city to the 150 acres of tideland, lying between the government reserve and the breakwater, can be set over for the use of the navy department.

In any event the San Pedro chamber of commerce believes the project is worth working for. It is known that the government has appropriated $1,000,000 for a torpedo station on the Pacific coast and that the choice of location rests largely on the examining board, which already has examined the harbors of San Francisco, San Pedro and San Diego, and also Puget Sound. It is also known that the forty acres in the government reserve here are situate on high ground and cannot be used for the buildings required for the storage and repairing of the torpedos, and that the tide land adjacent would not be sufficient for all the needs of the naval station.

Possibly the government would want to use part of the concession for a big drydock, but in any event all the water frontage secured could be used to advantage.

Although this is the last acreage there is to be disposed of in the outer harbor, the people believe that if the land is utilized at once by the government great benefit will result to this city and port.

Elaborate plans for fortifications, with batteries from the reservation around the bluffs to the lighthouse at Point Firmin and huge mortars in behind the hills, have also been sent to Washington, and it is now believed to be only natural that the government will look with favor on this harbor as the logical place for its torpedo station.

Imperial Anticipates Another Railroad.

Present indications are that the San Diego and Arizona railroad—the Spreckels line—will cross Imperial Valley almost in a direct easterly line, passing through El Centro and Holtville and tapping the Southern Pacific's main line from Los Angeles to El Paso at the station of Ogilby, which lies in an easterly direction from Holtville.

The surveying corps, which has run other lines across Imperial valley, is now camped west of El Centro and is running a line which passes through the northerly side of that city.

At the same time a corps has been sent to Ogilby station to work westerly, for the purpose of ascertaining whether a feasible route can be obtained through the sand hills which separate the valley main line.

The sand hills to the west of Ogilby narrow down to their least width, so that it is considered a favorable prospect for the new line. However, in case passage through them is found impracticable, it is believed the line will pass through El Centro and Holtville, and then swerve to the northwest, so as to pass around the hills and strike the main line of the Southern Pacific at Glamis.

Twenty five men are in the surveying party stationed near El Centro, and about the same number have gone to Ogilby.

DELINQUENT TAX LIST.

Of lands and lots in the City of Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, for the fiscal year 1908.

Dewitt M. Abbott, Hostettler's Add., lot 7, blk. 1; taxes, $4.37; penalty, 44c; cost, 50c; total $5.31

Thurston L. Blanchard, Sherwood Tract, lot 32; taxes, $1.43; penalty 14c; cost, 50c; total $2.07

Herbert D. Blanchard, Covina, lot 18, blk. 3; W. 50 ft. of lot 18, blk. 11; lot 13, blk. 13; taxes, $18.00; penalty, $1.80; cost, $1.50; total $21.30

Mrs. Chas. A. Daniels, Covina, lot 9, blk. 5; taxes, $7.84; penalty, 78c; cost 50c; total $9.12

Arthur J. Eckles, Netzey Add., lot 20; taxes, $4.51, penalty 45c; cost, 50c; total $5.46

Jno. R. Gant, Add. 1, Town of Covina, lots 7 and 8, blk. 1; taxes, $4.66; penalty, 47c; cost, $1.00; total $6.13

Geo. W. Griffiths, Covina, E. 55 ft. of 50 ft. of N. 75 ft. of lot 13, blk. 7; taxes, $1.85; penalty, 19c; cost, 50c; total...2.54

W. L. Goodrich, Richmond Tract, lot 18, blk. 1; taxes, $5.84; penalty, 58c; cost, 50c; total $6.92

Alex. A. Houghton, Covina, lot 13, blk. 6; taxes, $5.99; penalty, 60c; cost, 50c; total $7.09

James W. Littlefield, Covina, lot 8, blk. 10; taxes, $5.70; penalty 57c; cost, 50c; total $6.77

Pearl S. Malcom, Hostettler Add., lot 16, blk. 1; taxes, $6.13; penalty, 61c; cost, 50c; total $7.24

Pacific Light & Power Co., Covina, lot 16, blk. 2; taxes, $68.64; penalty, 6.86; cost, $1.00; total $76.50

Mattie T. Rice, Add No. 1, Covina, lot 20, blk. E; taxes, $1.90; penalty, 19c; cost, 50c; total $2.59

Lucinda Rockwell, Covina, lot 17, blk. 5; taxes, $10.21; penalty, $1.02; cost, 50c; total $11.73

E. P. Smith, Griswold Tract, lots 59 and 60; taxes, $10.55; penalty $1.06; cost, $1.00; total $12.61

Morris H. Wilson & Co., Palm Place, Covina, lots 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, blk. 1; lots 6, 10, 11, 12, blk. 2; taxes, $34.18; penalty, $3.42; cost, $9.00; total $46.60

Griswold Tract, lot 9; taxes, $1.48; penalty, 15c; cost, 50c; total $2.13

R. E. Wilson, Richmond Tract, lot 33, blk. 3; taxes, $1.78; penalty, 18c; cost, 50c; total $2.46

R. Mears, personal property; taxes, $2.85; penalty, 29c; cost, 50c; total......$3.64

Notice is hereby given that default having been made in the payment of taxes due City of Covina, in Los Angeles County, State of California, for the fiscal year 1908, upon the property hereinbefore described, I, M. L. Mehnert, City Marshal and ex-officio City Tax and License Collector in and for the City of Covina, by virtue of the authority in me vested by law, unless the taxes delinquent together with costs and percentages are paid, will sell the real property upon which said taxes are a lien, on Monday, **February 1st, 1909, at the hour of 10** o'clock a. m. of that day, at the office of the Board of Trustees of the City of Covina, Reed Block, in said City of Covina, in the manner provided by law. Dated this 9th day of January, 1909.

M. L. MEHNERT,
City Marshal and ex-officio Tax and License Collector of the City of Covina.

No. 13,273.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY ORDER OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY SHOULD NOT BE MADE.

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles.

In the Matter of the Estate of Gilbert D. Davis, Deceased.

It is ordered, by the Court, that all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, appear before the said Superior Court on Monday, the 8th day of February, 1909, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the Court Room of said Superior Court, Department 2 thereof, in the Court House, in said County of Los Angeles, State of California, to show cause why an order should not be granted to the executors of said estate to sell all of the real estate and personal property of said deceased.

And that a copy of this order be published at least four successive weeks in the Covina Argus, a newspaper printed and published in said County of Los Angeles.

JAMES C. RIVES,
Judge of the Superior Court.
Dated January 5, 1909.
ABNER ALFRED DAVIS,
W. M. GRISWOLD,
Executors of said Estate.
A. M. PENCE,
Attorney for said Estate.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF COVINA IRRIGATING CO.

Reports Are Very Gratifying to the Stockholders. Faithful Services of Secretary are Appreciated.

Five thousand six hundred and ninety-nine shares were presented at the annual meeting of the Covina Irrigating Company on Tuesday.

The reports which appear in full below show a very satisfactory year's business. During the year many substantial improvements have been made to the main ditch.

The newly elected directors are: A. P. Kerckhoff, J. R. Elliott, J. O. Houser, E. H. Lahee, G. H. Engelhard, Chas. Menefee, J. H. Coolman, J. B. Coulston and B. L. Reynolds.

The board organized with A. P. Kerckhoff, president; J. B. Coulston, vice-president; First National Bank, treasurer; B. F. Edwards, secretary; J. R. Elliott, superintendent.

The secretary, B. F. Edwards, who has served the company well and faithfully for a number of years, received a well merited recognition of his services by a raise in salary of $10.00 a month.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Covina, Cal., Jan. 12, 1909.

Covina Irrigating Company,
Covina, Cal.

Gentlemen: I hereby submit the report that I have carefully examined the books of the Covina Irrigation Company for the year 1908, also the secretary's annual report and balance sheet for the same year, and I hereby certify to them as being correct in every particular.

Respectfully submitted,
E. H. LAHEE.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Covina, Cal., Jan. 12, 1909.

To the Stockholders of the Covina Irrigation Company.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my annual report for the year 1908.

Cash Receipts.

Balance in Bank Dec. 31, 1907	$ 2,117.59
Bills Receivable	1,094.15
Bills Payable	5,550.00
Assessment	15,218.18
Water	7,831.77
Realty	272.30
San Dimas No. 1 Expense	22.00
Expense	25.61
Office Expense	8.25
Construction	818.29
Interest	57.16
	$ 33,315.60

Expenditures.

Bills Payable	$ 4,650.00
East Side Committee	589.45
Lordsburg Well Expense	1,651.71
Coupons	10,255.00
San Dimas Plant No. 1	2,550.85
San Dimas Plant No. 1 Expense	298.09
San Gabriel River Water Committee	400.78
Repairs	331.38
Expense	4,477.00
Office Expense	1,069.26
Lordsburg Plant No. 2 Expense	.50
Construction	5,514.48
Interest	640.59
Balance in Bank Dec. 31, 1908	880.51
	$ 33,315.60

Resources.

Lordsburg Pipe Line	$ 11,733.54
Lordsburg Well Plant	21,037.44
Bills Receivable	130.87
Reservoir	12,951.36
Furniture and Fixtures	174.48
San Dimas Well No. 2	3,332.69
Realty	11,170.14
San Dimas Development	6,800.99
San Gabriel Canyon Purchase	66,500.00
Tools and Implements	506.70
San Dimas Plant No. 1	8,883.55
Lordsburg Plant No. 2	1,600.00
Construction	40,196.18
Balance in First National Bank Dec. 31, 1908	880.51
	$185,898.45

Liabilities.

Capital	$ 28,498.45
Bills Payable	10,900.00
Bonds	146,500.00
	$185,898.45

Respectfully submitted,
B. F. EDWARDS, Secretary.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Stockholders of the Covina Irrigation Co.

Gentlemen: I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1908.

During the year we made 522 feet of 30-inch pipe, 2,360 feet of 36-inch and 5,360 feet of 12-inch. This pipe has all been laid except 2,250 feet of 12 inch which we have on the yard. We now have the main ditch piped from the lower end to Gladstone Ave. (with the exception of 400 feet), a distance of about 2½ miles.

At the San Dimas Plant No. 1 we put down a 14-inch well 111 feet deep and installed a deep well pump. The plant was run 150 hours, pumping an average of 50 inches, costing about one cent an inch per hour for pumping.

At Lordsburg the small plant was run 138 hours, pumping 48 inches. The large plant was run 1,355 hours, pumping an average of 116 inches. The cost of pumping was 8-10 of a cent an inch per hour.

Expenses.

Repairs and cleaning ditches and reservoir	$ 545.57
San Dimas Plant No. 1, construction	2,550.85
San Dimas Plant No. 1, running expenses	298.09
Lordsburg, construction	.50
Lordsburg, running expenses	1,651.70
Construction	5,544.48
	$10,591.19

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. ELLIOTT, Superintendent.

Covina, California, January 12th, 1909.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Covina, Cal., Jan. 12, 1909.

To the Board of Directors of the Covina Irrigating Company.

Gentlemen: We herewith submit our report as your Treasurer for the year ending Dec. 31, 1908.

Bills Receivable		1,094.15
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1908	$ 2,417.59	
Deposited by your Secretary	30,898.01	
Paid on your vouchers		$32,465.09
Balance Dec. 31, 1908		880.51
	$33,315.60	$33,345.60

Respectfully submitted,
FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COVINA,
By W. M. Griswold, Cashier.

ZANJERO'S REPORT.

Water run as follows:

Stock water	106,450 hours of 25 inches
Contract water	32,962 hours of 25 inches
Alien	714 hours of 25 inches

P. L. NASH, Zanjero.

EAST SIDE REPORT.

Secretary's Statement of the receipts and disbursements of the East Side Sub-Committee from Jan. 1, 1908, to Jan. 1, 1909:

Jan. 1, 1908	Balance on hand last statement	$ 92.79
	Received from the Committee of Nine	175.33
	Received from the Agricultural Water Co	275.00
	Received from the Azusa Irrigating Co	188.00
	Received from the Covina Irrigating Co	589.45
	Received from Mrs. Vosburg and Macneil	[illegible]
	Received from water [illegible]	[illegible]
	Total [illegible]	[illegible]

Disbursed as follows:

Cleaning Ditch	$ 45.80
Cleaning Sand Box	187.77
Ditch Repair	300.40
Printing and Cards	10.00
Smithing and Tools	3.00
Telephone	8.00
Zanjero	678.64
Total disbursements	$1,233.61
Jan. 1, 1909—Balance in treasury this date	392.61
	$1,626.22 $1,626.22

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. POWELL, Secretary.

SAN GABRIEL RIVER WATER COMMITTEE.

Secretary's Statement of the receipts and disbursements of the San Gabriel River Water Committee from Jan. 1, 1908, to Jan. 1, 1909.

Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1908	$ 269.56
Received from the Azusa Agricultural Co	172.00
Received from the Azusa Irrigating Co	390.44
Received from the Beardslee Ditch Co	120.00
Received from the Contract Water Co	80.46
Received from the Covina Irrigating Co	400.78
Received from the Duarte Mutual I. & C. Co	240.00
Received from Mrs. Vosburg and Macneil	46.00
Received from the Pacific Electric Co	256.25
Total to account for	$1,975.49

Disbursed as follows:

Attorneys Fees	$ 100.00	
Conduit Repair and Protection	812.65	
Ditch Repair	12.50	
New Measuring Box	350.00	
Printing and Cards	18.00	
Patrol, to prevent mountain fire	370.00	
Rent of Committee Room	21.00	
Special Committe Expenses	29.00	
Special Committee Expenses	100.00	
Trail Work	17.25	
Turning Water	45.89	
Tools	1.55	
Zanjero one-third of his time	173.33	
Total disbursements for year	$2,051.17	
Treasury overdrawn this date		78.68
	$2,051.17	$2,054.17

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. POWELL, Secretary.

LIVE NEWS FROM VALLEY POINTS

IRWINDALE.

Mrs. Daniel Reichard spent the first of the week in Los Angeles.

Mrs. G. J. Reynolds has been ill for the past week with la grippe.

Two carloads of potatoes were shipped by Robert Edgar and Charles Gordon the first of the week.

Miss Davisson of Los Angeles was a week end guest of Miss May Coffman last week.

Charles Coltrin is the proud possessor of a splendid new span of draft horses.

Mr. and Mrs. William Reitz are rejoicing in the birth of a son who arrived Sunday, January 10th.

William Waterhouse spent the first of the week in Pasadena attending to business interests.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Williams have moved into the property on the corner of Azusa and Cypress avenues that was recently vacated by F. W. Sherwood.

Mr. Mull, who has charge of the Crow property on North Irwindale avenue, was out from Los Angeles overlooking the property the first of the week.

Relatives who have been entertained this week by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Swallow are: Mrs. T. D. Jefferson of Buffalo, Kan.; Mrs. Clarence Jefferson and daughter of Compton.

Miss Ana Sprotte spent a few days the first of the week with her parents. After her visit she returned to the Good Samaritan Hospital of Los Angeles, where she is a nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Waterhouse were called to Pasadena Friday to attend the funeral of George Miller, an old resident of that city. His daughter, Miss Ella Miller, has been a frequent visitor at the Waterhouse home and is well known in Irwindale.

Rev. D. L. Miller of Mount Morris, Ill., will address the Brethren church Sunday morning on the subject of missions. Mr. and Mrs. Miller will be the guests of Rev. and Mrs. George Chemberlen at their home on South Vincent street over the week end.

Mr. John Hastey is seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of Mrs. J. M. Crane on Orange avenue. Mrs. Hastey is Mrs. Crane's sister and with her husband arrived from Willington, Kansas, the first of the month to spend the winter in Southern California.

The foundation has been laid and cellar excavated for a modern two-story bungalow to be built at the corner of Azusa and Cypress avenues by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Simpson. It is expected that the new residence in this splendid locality will be one of the beautiful homes of this part of the valley.

Mr. William Reitz narrowly escaped serious injury to himself and the loss of his new home last week. He examined his gas plant in the evening by the light of an irrigating torch. The escaping gas exploded and Mr. Reitz was badly burned about the face and hands.

About ten of the boys belonging to his Sunday school class were guests of Mr. Waterhouse last Friday afternoon. The boys and their genial host passed the afternoon playing outdoor games and taking a ride in Mr. Waterhouse's big white steamer. Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Waterhouse.

Program for the next meeting of the Irwindale Miscellany Club, to be held Tuesday the 19th, will be as follows: "Home Life and Customs of Mexico Today," Mrs. Daniel Reichard; "Story of Present Mexico," Miss Mary McKibben; Mexican music; hostess, Miss Virginia Root.

Guests last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Chemberlen were: Miss Kate and Miss Mary Lagaterwelter and Miss Thelma Slocum, Mr. Frank [illegible] Mr. [illegible] of Lordsburg, Miss [illegible] and Miss Alice [illegible] Miss [illegible] [illegible]

WALNUT CENTER.

Mr. Munce of Elizabeth Lake, Antelope Valley, is visiting his old-time friend, Ernest Swartz.

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Brewster are spending a month with the latter's brother in Long Beach.

Mr. Roy Cook is building a barn on his sixteen acre tract and will soon begin the erection of an attractive bungalow.

Mr. Robert Dancer was called to Sierra Madre this week by the serious illness of his brother's wife, Mrs. Bert Dancer.

Mrs. W. C. Graves, who has been the guest of Mrs. Robert Dancer for the past two weeks, returned to her home in San Jacinto, Tuesday.

Mrs. R. T. Clark of Covina has purchased of E. E. Cook ten acres of walnuts. Consideration $4,000. Mr. and Mrs. Cook will move to Long Beach the first of next week.

Two new houses have been erected on the Covina-Puente road. They are the homes of Mr. Hilding, formerly bookkeeper for the La Puente Co-operative Water Co., and the residence belonging to Mrs. Amanda Weed.

BALDWIN PARK.

C. C. Rix of Novi, Mich., is making an extended visit at the home of his brother, M. E. Rix.

Judge Cochrane of Los Angeles is building a comfortable bungalow on his ten-acre tract.

Dr. C. H. Power of Encinado, Mexico, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Power last week.

Mr. L. D. Tift and family, who have resided here for the past two years, moved to Los Angeles this week.

D. J. Shultis has been confined to his home for the past week with an attack of la grippe.

Mr. Edwards has erected a cottage on his property and moved with his family the first of the week from Los Angeles.

Among the recent improvements in this vicinity are the new homes built in the Valley View district by Mr. Amman, Mr. Bansburg, Mr. Oliver and Mr. Hamilton.

The death of Mrs. Lorene Doran of Riverside occurred Friday night at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Ammon of Valley View. Her death was due to tuberculosis. The funeral services were conducted at the undertaking parlors of J. E. Patterson of Pomona. Mrs. Doran is survived by her husband, who resides in Riverside.

AZUSA.

Mr. H. D. Briggs is spending several days at Camp Rincon this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Candy and daughter of Los Angeles were week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dana King.

Miss Edna Gearhart of Pasadena, who was formerly a teacher in the Citrus High School, spent the weekend visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Daniels.

Mr. H. D. Briggs and son Raymond left last week for San Luis Obispo, where Raymond expects to take a course in agriculture at the San Luis Obispo Polytechnic School.

Next Tuesday evening an entertainment will be given at the opera house by the Azusa Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Club. Mr. A. P. Griffith will give an illustrated lecture on his trip through Japan. A musical program will also be provided.

BYRON HOT SPRINGS

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AZUSA IRRIGATING COMPANY.

Annual Meeting Brings Out Good Representation of Stock. Will Construct Reservoir.

January 9th the Azusa Irrigating Company held its annual meeting for the election of officers. The directors who will serve for the ensuing year are: E. F. Badger, G. T. Brown, W. C. Hendrick, W. W. Heth, W. R. Powell, William Waterhouse and Daniel Reichard. Members of the committee of nine who negotiate with members of the Covina and Duarte Water Companies are W. R. Powell, Daniel Reichard and A. P. Griffith. Two assessments of 75 cents per share were levied to pay the indebtedness contracted by the recent purchase of the pumping plants belonging to the Cypress Avenue Land and Water Co., the Orange Avenue Land and Water Co., and the Irwindale Land and Water Co. In the near future the Azusa company will build a reservoir on the two acres of land adjoining the Southern Pacific railroad track which was purchased from Nelson Snodgrass some time ago for that purpose. The noon-day lunch was served to the members of the company by the ladies of the Order of Eastern Star. The board organized as follows: W. R. Powell, president; E. F. Badger, vice-president; F. A. Carpenter, secretary.

Assessment Notice.

Columbia Land and Water Company, principal place of business, Covina, Rowland Township, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the directors, held on the eleventh day of January, 1909, an assessment of 400 cents per share was levied upon the capital stock of the above named corporation, payable immediately to the secretary, at the office of the company at Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 14th day of February, 1909, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on the 7th day of March, 1909, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of the company in Covina, County of Los Angeles, State of California, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expense of sale.

J. H. MATTHEWS, Secretary.
Covina, Cal., January 11, 1909.

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